

Tate leads AAU team to State Championship



Isaiah Tate is pictured with his Dad Maurice Tate after leading his second grade AAU team to Division I state AAU basketball championship.

Isaiah Tate, a second grader from Bethware Elementary School, led his AAU team Metrolina Havoc to a 2nd grade Division I State AAU Basketball Championship in April 2012. In the State Division I AAU Basketball Tournament, Isaiah and Metrolina Havoc team defeated the Benchwarmer Mooresville Tigers, East Carolina Elite, CBC White (Charlotte), and eventually the Carolina Phenoms in the State Championship game.

Metrolina Havoc is an organization from Charlotte, NC recognized as one of the top Division I AAU youth basketball organizations in the State and has received many accolades with their teams on the national level. Isaiah starts on this team at the shooting guard position and has made significant contributions to the team's success and is considered one of the top second grade basketball players in the State of North Carolina. During his winter recreation

basketball season participation, he also led our hometown K.M. Elite Trailblazers to an undefeated season with a 12-0 record and won the City Championship in the 7-8 year old Division in the City of Gastonia Youth Recreation Basketball League. He won the K.M. Elite Most Valuable Player Award. Isaiah attends Bethware Elementary School where he's A-honor roll student.

Isaiah's Metrolina Havoc AAU team will be travelling

to Memphis, TN for the 2nd Grade Division I AAU National Basketball Tournament during the week of June 24th - July 1st representing the State of North Carolina competing against other top level 2nd grade teams across the nation. Isaiah's parents are Maurice Tate and Brandy Tate, the founders of the K.M. Elite Trailblazer Organization. Grandparents are Ronald and Tanya Mitchell, Christopher and Cynthia Smith, and John and Rosalyn Adams).

GBP Honor Society inducts new members



Front row, left to right, Gary Woodard, Avis Morrow, Jessica Johnson, Steve Nicholson; second row, Monica Ellis, Kaitlyn Thompson, Scarlett Moss, Alex Walker, Paul Hipps; third row, Andrew Thurman, Noah Bolin, Barbara Allen, Jason Pearson. Not pictured - Sedrick Bowie, James Bosserman, Reba Downs.

The Cleveland Community College chapter of Gamma Beta Phi National Honor Society held its spring induction ceremony recently in the Mildred H. Keeter Auditorium on the CCC campus.

Gamma Beta president, Corissa Lyons welcomed guests and CCC GBP Alumni, Jasmine Cooper,

was the keynote speaker. Sixteen students were inducted into the honor society. Closing remarks were made by CCC English Instructor and GBP Advisor, Tajsha Eaves.

Gamma Beta Phi is active not only on the CCC campus, but also provides a Christmas Party each year for children and teenagers living in the Children's Homes of Cleveland County. Other community involvement efforts include fundraising for March of Dimes, Children's Miracle Network, Relay-for-

Life, Heifer International and working with residents at the J. Iverson Riddle Center.

Qualifications for Gamma Beta Phi membership include a Grade Point

Average of at least 3.0, completion of at least 15 semester credit hours, and a commitment to participate in service to the college and the community.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Optimist Club Football sets Registration

Registration is beginning for Kings Mountain Optimist Club football and cheerleading.

Registration is \$50 before July 28, and after that will increase to \$75. The fee includes required accident insurance that is secondary to primary health insurance.

Practice begins August 1 and will be held from 6-8:30 p.m. for the first week. After the first week it will be from 6-8 p.m.

Officers are Curtis Pressley, president (704-466-8297 or Apfaith@aol.com), and

Jonathan Zirbel vice president, (704-473-7024 or jzirbel@mshonda.com).

Pick up and turn in registration forms on Saturday, July 7, 14, 21 and 28 at City Stadium between 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Basketball camp slated at KMHS

There will be a boys basketball camp for 3rd through 8th grades June 18-22 from 8 a.m.-12 noon at Kings Mountain High School.

The cost is \$60. For more information and to register visit <http://www.cleveland-countyschools.org/sites/kmhsathletics/>

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Martial Arts Master shows East students importance of training

Master Justin Ethers, 6th degree black belt from Eng School of Self Defense, gave a demonstration for third and fourth graders at East Elementary before the start of End Of Grade tests on Friday, May 18th.

He talked to the students about the importance of training and preparing for tasks such as the EOG. He encouraged them to remember that they had trained (studied) all year and that they were prepared for the EOG's.



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Martial Arts Master Justin Ethers, 6th degree black belt from Eng School of Self Defense, demonstrates the importance of training for students getting ready to tackle EOGs at East Elementary.

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